FUNDACIÓN IBERDROLA ESPAÑA SCHOLARSHIPS


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1. Introduction

IBERDROLA wishes to reinforce its contribution to improving the quality of life of the people in territories and countries in which it operates, and with this aim carries out a social project through the Fundación Iberdrola España that intends to efficiently respond to fundamental social demands, making use of the business strengths and capabilities of IBERDROLA.

To this end, Fundación Iberdrola España presents its Call of Scholarships for Master’s Studies in Energy and the Environment in USA, in order to contribute to excellence in training in the energy field, with special emphasis on renewable energy, the protection of the environment, as well as the efficiency of the energy system.

2. Announcement

Fundación Iberdrola España announces new scholarships for the Fall Term 2016–2017 academic year for postgraduate studies in US universities in the following areas of knowledge:

- Renewable energy
- Sustainable energy system
- Environment and biodiversity
- Clean combustion technologies, emissions management
- Energy efficiency
- Energy storage
- Electric vehicle
- Smart distribution networks
- Information and communication technology (ICT)
- Cybersecurity and Big Data

The announcement period opens on the day of its publication and ends at 14:00 PM (GMT +1) on February 26th, 2016.

The scholarships are intended for the following universities in the United States:

1. Binghamton University
2. Oregon State University
3. Rochester Institute of Technology
4. University of Connecticut
5. University of Maine
6. University of Rochester

3. Applicant requirements

- The scholarships from Fundación Iberdrola España are intended for students of Spanish nationality.
• Applicants must be in possession of a bachelor or master’s degree from a recognized university on submission of the application. If the applicant is still in the final year of the academic course 2015-2016, the grant will be contingent upon whether the applicant secures the university degree at the end of the academic cycle in June/July 2016 with the same average grades or greater than the grades at the time of the call for applications.

• **Applicants must follow the usual procedure for enrolling at the university they wish to attend. Applications submitted by students who have not applied for enrolment at the university will be rejected during the selection process.**

• Applicants may not receive any remuneration or wages or be in receipt of any scholarship, financial aid or other award of a similar nature from institutions and public or private foundations during the period that the scholarship is awarded for.

• Applications claiming diploma courses and technical engineering or technical architecture studies will not be accepted.

• Applications presented by candidates with a grade point average (GPA) during the pursuit of the degree lower than 7.0 on scale 10 will be rejected.

• A certificate of **language** proficiency for all the languages specified in the form. Spanish applicants must establish their knowledge of English through one of the following certificates than must be renewed every two years:
  - Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR): C1
  - TOEFL (minimum grade: 79 in Internet based, 213 in computer based or 550 in paper based).
  - Cambridge University: Certificate in Advanced English or Proficiency.
  - IELTS (minimum grade: 6.5).

4. **Documentation**

To be eligible for the Scholarship, the interested party must fill in and send the electronic application form before **14:00PM (GMT +1) on February 26th, 2016**, including the following documentation which should be named with the number of document followed by the surname of the applicant:

• **Document 1.** Photocopy of the **national identity card or passport**.

• **Document 2.** **Curriculum vitae**, with a recent photo of the applicant.

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1 The electronic questionnaire can be found on the Fundación Iberdrola España website [http://www.fundacioniberdrolaespana.org](http://www.fundacioniberdrolaespana.org), in the Training and Research Area.
• **Document 3.** If university studies have been completed, a photocopy of the certificate or a receipt proving that the certificate has been requested, as well as a photocopy of other qualifications obtained by the applicant.

• **Document 4.** For those students who hold a university degree, a photocopy of the certificates for university studies completed, detailing all the **subjects and grades obtained** each year. Final year students may submit an official listing of the subjects studied and the grades obtained so far. If the applicant has studied in a first or second cycle for another degree, both certificates should be submitted.

• **Document 5.** Two original reference letters from university professors or other relevant people who have maintained academic contact with the applicant. In those cases where the applicant has been employed for several years, one of the reference letters may be from his/her immediate supervisor.

• **Document 6.** A certificate for all the languages specified in the form.

• **Document 7.** Contract or employment record accounting for the applicant’s professional experience, if any.

• **Document 8.** Certificate accrediting the **awards and grants** specified in the form. Only will be considered awards and grants from the beginning of college.

• **Document 9.** Certification accrediting enrolment application or final Admission to a University for the 2016-2017 Fall Term.

The above are the minimum certifications required for accepting an application in the selection process for this scholarship announcement. Applications not supporting minimum certifications required will be rejected in the selection process.

The maximum size permitted per document is 3 MB.

**5. Selection process**

**Shortlist**

The selection process will include an initial shortlist of candidates, taking into account academic qualifications, their CV, the interest of their project of studies and reference letters.

Fundación Iberdrola España will especially take into account applications that provide the accredited certificate of final admission to any of the universities for the Fall Term of the academic year 2016-2017. Fundación Iberdrola España will request confirmation of admission to process by the corresponding university for the selected course 2016-2017. Applications which have been rejected by the University for the Selected Programme will not be taken into consideration in the scholarship award process.

**Personal interview**
If the shortlisting process is passed, the Fundación Iberdrola España selection committee may arrange a personal or telephone interview with the candidate in order to assess his/her personal conditions, education and motivation.

If attending the interview entails travel and/or accommodation costs of more than €15, the candidates may ask for compensation of up to €100 for travel expenses in mainland Spain, subject to cost justification. This amount may be increased to €150 in the case of travel from outside mainland Spain.

This call for scholarships may be declared void for all or part of the scholarships on offer where the selection committee or the syllabus director proposes so to Fundación IBERDROLA España.

6. Candidate nomination

Once the interviews have been conducted, the selection committee will propose the list of selected candidates. Fundación Iberdrola España will take the final decision on the candidates finally accepted. The Fundación Iberdrola España will notify the applicants selected by March 31st, 2016. The notification shall be made in accordance with the contact details indicated by the candidate in the application form. The final list of candidates and a list of substitutes will be published in the Training and Research activity section of the Fundación Iberdrola España website (www.fundacioniberdrolaespana.org) on June 15th, 2016.

The list of candidates approved by Fundación Iberdrola España is final and will not provide any information on the applications that have been rejected.

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The final nomination of candidates is subject to the following conditions being met:

- Send a signed Acceptance Letter dated at the most five days after notification of acceptance postal address:

  **Convocatoria de Becas para Estudios de Posgrado de Energía y Medio Ambiente en Estados Unidos**
  C/ Arequipa 1, planta 4
  28043 Madrid
  Spain

- Independently of its submission to the aforementioned postal address, a scanned copy of the signed Acceptance Letter must be sent in advance to the Fundación Iberdrola España email address: programa.becasfundacion@iberdrola.es
• The text of the Acceptance Letter will be provided to the beneficiaries by email on the date on which the final selection of candidates is made public.

• Submission to Fundación Iberdrola España before April 1, 2016 of a certification of final admission to study at the chosen university. If they are not admitted, the candidates will lose their right to the scholarship.

• Submission by final-year students of the official certification showing that they have obtained the corresponding degree. Failure to complete the studies will result in cancellation of the scholarship.

7. Financial contribution

The scholarship will cover the following:

• Enrolment at the university in the United States.
• 24,000€ a year to cover per diem and material expenses. This amount will be paid out in 2,000 € monthly installments.
• Illness and accident insurance.
• For students that need to fly round-trip across the Atlantic, the Foundation will provide a travel grant of 1,500 euros.

The Scholarship will have a maximum duration of one calendar year from the beginning of the studies programme. In exceptional cases, the Scholarship may be extended for an additional year, subject to a new application and the authorization of Fundación IBERDROLA España. The contribution and conditions shall be those stipulated in the new announcement for the following year. The endowment and conditions will be as contemplated in the new call for the next year.

The amounts of the Scholarship may be paid in the currency corresponding to the country of concession of the scholarship.

8. Scholarship management

The Scholarship recipient must fulfill the following obligations:

• At the request of Fundación IBERDROLA España, the candidate must prove, with originals or certified copies of the documents, the necessary information for the selection process sent as either photocopies or electronic files. Furthermore, Fundación Iberdrola España may ask for certification of any data mentioned in the candidate’s CV.

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2 Where applicable, the corresponding personal income tax withholding will be applied to all payments made by Fundación IBERDROLA España.

3 Currency in euros for scholarships from Fundación IBERDROLA España.
In the event that Fundación Iberdrola España organizes a scholarship award ceremony, to personally receive the grant on the day and at the place notified to the scholarship recipient. If the applicant, due to justified causes, cannot receive the scholarship in person, he/she must notify the Foundation.

Fundación Iberdrola España will contribute a bonus to support partially the travel expenses to the scholars whose domicile is located out of the province of Madrid. The quantities will be 100 Euros for those scholars who will attend from the Iberian Peninsula and 300 Euros for those who come from outside of the Iberian Peninsula.

Carry out the planned studies according to the submitted application at the Fall Term 2016-2017 academic year.

The Scholarship recipients must inform Fundación Iberdrola España of their place of residence and destination immediately after their arrival. Furthermore, they must inform of any change of address or email over the period of time that the scholarship is awarded.

During the course, Fundación Iberdrola España may request follow up information from the scholarship holder so as to confirm that the master studies is in order. On conclusion of the studies, the scholarship holder must send the results of the studies together with a completed questionnaire provided by Fundación IBERDROLA España. If any work resulting from the studies is published, the author must state his/her status as a scholarship recipient of Fundación IBERDROLA España.

If the Scholarship recipient does not fulfill those obligations—or any other obligation included in the scholarship’s conditions—Fundación Iberdrola España reserves the right to act as it deems appropriate, including demanding a refund of any such monies paid out. In particular, if the scholarship holder fails to finish the programme, the full amount of monthly payments and other economic concepts received as of the date must be returned to Fundación IBERDROLA España, if this event has occurred after the seventh month, Fundación Iberdrola España reserves the right to analyse the corresponding application and can modify the amount that the scholarship holder must reimburse.

9. Other conditions

In accordance with Article 5 of the Personal Data Protection Act 15/1999, we inform you of the following:

a) All personal details obtained in the grant application and in the enclosed documentation provided along with the application, as well as the images taken in the award ceremony, will be added to a file owned by Fundación IBERDROLA España, with registered address at C/ Arequipa, 1-4ª, Madrid 28043.

b) Fundación Iberdrola España will only include the information that has been submitted voluntarily by the holder of such information and that is considered necessary for the candidate selection process.
c) Said information will be dealt with to determine the suitability of the candidate and to perform the selection process for possible awarding of the Scholarships.

The owner of the application information and of the annexed documentation gives his/her consent for this information to be dealt with in the aforementioned conditions, and the international transfer of data, and for it to be yielded to any of the subsidiary companies of Grupo IBERDROLA or local foundations through which Fundación Iberdrola España performs its selection of candidates:

- IBERDROLA USA, Inc.
- The IBERDROLA USA Foundation, Inc.

The owner of the information may exercise at no cost the right to access, modify, cancel or any other right recognized by current legislation regarding his or her personal data, in accordance with the provisions of the Personal Data Protection Act (Act 15/1999) and any other regulations that develop the contents of said Act. To do so, the candidate must send a request in writing to the file officer - Fundación IBERDROLA España(Ref. LOPD), C/ Arequipa, 1-4ª, Madrid 28043 - indicating "Personal Data Protection" and include a copy of his/her identity card or passport. The documentation provided by the Scholarship candidate to Fundación Iberdrola España will be archived under conditions of confidentiality.